

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 422

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Kenneth Eason,  
Gleason Police Chief.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of an exemplary public servant and fine Tennessean, Kenneth Eason; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community or state is blessed with such a distinguished citizen and truly dedicated humanitarian as Mr. Ken Eason; and

WHEREAS, as a professional, family man and true friend to many, Mr. Eason's legacy will remain in the hearts and minds of many in Gleason, Weakley County and our great state for years to come; and

WHEREAS, a "warm, caring person" who "saw humor in everything", colleagues say this fourteen-year police chief "earned the respect of everyone in town"; and

WHEREAS, writing on Ken's full life, a newspaper columnist said "if a man's worth is determined not by his material wealth, but by the friends he has made in this life, Ken Eason died one of the richest men in the state"; and

WHEREAS, born in Big Springs, Texas, Mr. Eason was raised in Tacoma, Washington; during his youth, he moved to Brownsville with his family, and upon graduating from high school, he attended the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eason began his distinguished career in law enforcement in the late 1970s, joining the Gleason force and beginning a life of remarkable public service; and

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WHEREAS, for fourteen distinguished years, Mr. Eason served the Gleason police with alacrity and acuity, earning the universal respect of his force, City of Gleason colleagues and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, Chief Eason was an active and devout member of New Valley Methodist Church, where he will be greatly missed by the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Ken Eason was perhaps most appreciative of the love and close relationship he shared with his family; he is survived by his devoted wife of more than 19 years, Denise Sawyers Eason; and

WHEREAS, Chief Eason was the proud parent of two sons, Chris and Benton, who will most assuredly miss their father; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Eason is also survived by his mother, Ernestine Gibbs Eason of Brownsville; his brother, Keith Eason of Crestview, Florida; his grandfather, J.H. Eason of Bells; and his grandmother, Bonnie Mae Foster of Big Spring, Texas; and

WHEREAS, throughout his meritorious life, Ken Eason distinguished himself as a man of wisdom, compassion and dedication; he was a valuable citizen of the state of Tennessee and it is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to remember his exemplary life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we pause to mourn the death of Police Chief Kenneth Eason, while also celebrating the life of this man who will be remembered in Gleason, Weakley County and our state for many years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our most sincere condolences to the family of Mr. Eason.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause deleted from such copy.